

# What is the Goal?

Greenwood County is working to build sustainable communities where litter is not tolerated or accepted. By building partnerships with local organizations and working in tangent with Keep Greenwood County Beautiful over 12.5 tons of trash was picked up along the County's roadways and almost 2.5 tons from along the shores of Lake Greenwood last year. Litter prevention starts by educating and raising awareness of South Carolina litter laws and the negative impact litter has on the growth of Greenwood County.

## GET IN TOUCH

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**GREENWOOD COUNTY**  
LITTER PREVENTION



## How Long Does It Take for Litter to Decompose?

Cigarette Butt .....	5 years
Plastic Bag .....	20 years
Tin Can .....	50 years
Styrofoam Cup .....	50 years
Aluminum Can .....	200 years
Plastic Bottle .....	450 years
Glass Bottle .....	1 million years

## Negative Effects of Litter

- Decreased community pride
- 10% drop in property value
- Harmful to wildlife and their habitats
- Decreases tourism revenue
- Prevents industry growth

## Ways to Prevent Litter

- Keep a bag in your vehicle for trash
- Make sure trash cans have tight fitting lids
- Secure your load when hauling waste
- Encourage others to join the cleanup effort
- Enhance beautification in your community
- Place recyclables in recycling bin
- If you smoke, keep an ashtray in your car

## Clean Up Costs

The United States spends an estimated \$11.5 Billion annually on litter cleanup.

## FAQ's

### How do I become involved?

Call or email the Litter Prevention Coordinator  
at 864-942-8705 or  
mmcmahon@greenwoodsc.gov.

### Where do I get litter pickup supplies?

Call or email the Litter Prevention Coordinator  
at 864-942-8705 or  
mmcmahon@greenwoodsc.gov.  
Supplies include: gloves, trash bags,  
safety vests, and pickup sticks.

### I have bulk waste items, who should I call to have them removed?

If you live in the City limits please call  
864-942-8442.

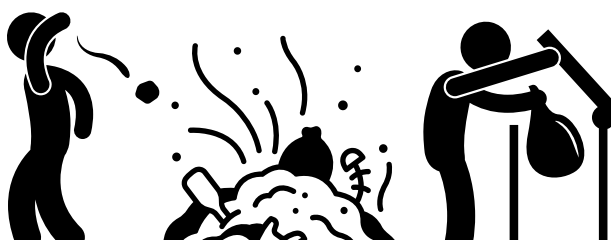
**If you live in the County**  
Greenwood County only picks up leaves and  
limbs residentially. Any other type of waste  
needs to be taken to 1 of the 9 convenience  
centers. The locations can be found at  
greenwoodcounty-sc.gov.

### My neighbors have trash, clutter or other items in their yard, who do I call?

This issue needs to be addressed by a  
Code Enforcement Officer.

**If the property is in the City please call**  
864-942-8478 or 864-942-8424.

**If the property is in the County please call**  
864-942-8569.



## 2020 Litter Pickup Data

2,100 bags  
of trash

25,000 lbs  
cleaned up

120+  
Volunteer  
Groups

1300+  
Volunteers

## Report a Litter Bug

You can call Litter Busters toll free at  
877.754.8837

OR

You can download the Litter Busters app by  
Palmetto Pride on your smartphone.

## Report Littered Roadways

You can visit the following website to report  
where litter is located

[https://www.greenwoodcounty-sc.gov/our-  
county/litter-prevention-coordinator](https://www.greenwoodcounty-sc.gov/our-county/litter-prevention-coordinator)

Then click on Report Litter

OR

You can call or email the Litter Prevention  
Coordinator at

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